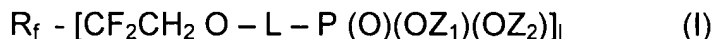


## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Concentrated compositions~~ Compositions comprising the following components:

A) a ~~(per)fluoropolyether~~ fluoropolyether phosphate of general formula:



wherein  $l = 1$  or  $2$ ;

$L$  is a bivalent linking group, ~~preferably of the  $(CHR_1CHR_2O)_n$  type~~

~~wherein  $R_1, R_2$  equal to or different from each other are selected from  $H, CH_3$ ;  $n$  is an integer in the range  $1-50$ , preferably  $1-6$ ;~~

$Z_1$  and equal to or different from  $Z_2$  are equal to or different from each other,  
and each is independently selected from  $H$ , alkaline or ammonium cation, di- or tri-alkanolammonium cation wherein alkanol comprises from  $1$  to  $20$  C atoms, di- or tri- or tetra-alkylammonium cation wherein alkyl comprises from  $1$  to  $20$  C atoms, or  $R_f - CF_2CH_2 - O - L$ ;

$R_f$  is a ~~(per)fluoropolyether~~ fluoropolyether or perfluoropolyether chain comprising one or more repeating units selected from the group consisting of one or more of the following ones:

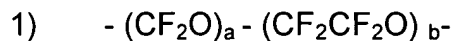
- a)  $-(C_3F_6O)-$ ;
- b)  $-(CF_2CF_2O)-$ ;
- c)  $-(CFL_0O)-$ , wherein  $L_0 = -F, -CF_3$ ;
- d)  $-CF_2(CF_2)_{z'}CF_2O-$ , wherein  $z'$  is an integer  $1$  or  $2$ ;
- e)  $-CH_2CF_2CF_2O-$ ;

when  $R_f$  is monofunctional ( $l = 1$ ), an end group is of the perfluoroalkyl type selected from  $CF_3O$ ,  $C_2F_5O$ ,  $C_3F_7O$ ; optionally a fluorine atom in the perfluoroalkyl end groups is substituted by a chlorine or hydrogen atom;

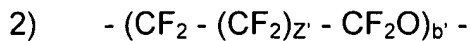
- B) a solvent selected from the group consisting of ~~following ones~~:
- linear or branched alcohols from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and their corresponding methyl ethers; linear or branched glycols from 2 to 6 carbon atoms and their corresponding mono alkylethers wherein the linear or branched ether alkyl group comprises from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and dimethoxy methane acetone; and
- C) water.

2. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein in the compound of general formula (I),  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are different from  $R_f - CF_2CH_2 - O - L$ .

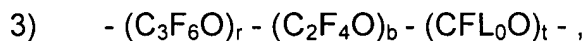
3. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein  $R_f$  is of ~~(per)fluoropolyether~~ fluoropolyether type and it is optionally selected from one of the following structures:



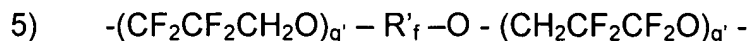
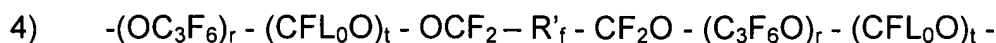
with  $b/a$  in the range 0.3-10, extremes included,  $a$  being an integer different from 0;



wherein  $z'$  is an integer equal to 1 or 2;



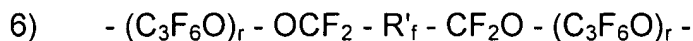
with  $r/b = 0.5-2.0$   $(r+b)/t = 10-30$ ,  $b$  and  $t$  being integers different from 0;



wherein:

$R'_f$  is a fluoroalkylene group from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

$L_0$  is selected between F,  $CF_3$ ;



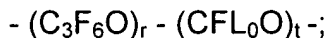
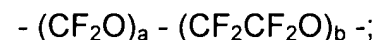
wherein in said formulas:

$-(C_3F_6O) -$  can represent units of formula

$-(CF(CF_3)CF_2O) -$  and/or  $-(CF_2 - CF(CF_3)O) -$

and a, b, b', q', r, t, are integers, whose sum is such that  $R_f$  has a number average molecular weight  $M_n$ , values in the range of about 300 and about 5,000.

4. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 3, wherein the ~~(per)fluoropolyether~~ fluoropolyether chain  $R_f$  is selected from the following structures:

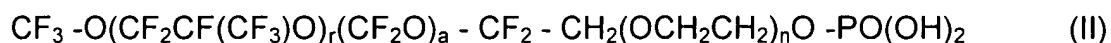


wherein  $L_0$  and the a, b, r, t indexes have the above mentioned value.

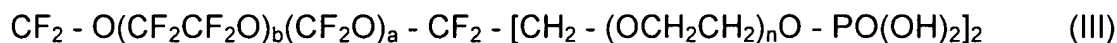
5. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 3, wherein the fluoropolyether chain  $R_f$  is  $-(CF_2O)_a - (CF_2CF_2O)_b -$  and the a and b indexes are as above indicated.

6. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim [[1]] 27, wherein the compounds of formula (I) are those having  $L=(CH_2-CH_2O)_n$  with  $n = 1-3$ ;  $Z_1$  equal to or different from  $Z_2$  is selected from H,  $NH_4$ , or an alkaline metal cation;  $I = 2$ .

7. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein the component A is a ~~(per)fluoropolyether~~ fluoropolyether having the following formulas:



wherein  $r/a=0.5-2.0$  and  $n=1-2$ ;



wherein  $b/a=0.5-3.0$  and  $n=1-2$ ; wherein a, b and r have the above mentioned meaning.

8. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein component B) is selected from: ethanol, ethylene glycol, isopropanol, propanol, acetone, methoxyethanol, ~~propyleneglycol~~ propylene glycol, propan-1,2-diol, dimethoxy methane, methoxy-isopropanol, diethylene glycol, butan-1,4-diol, ~~diethyleneglycol~~ diethylene glycol monoethylenether, pentan-1,2-diol, ~~diethyleneglycol~~ diethylene glycol monoethylether, ~~dipropylenglycol~~ dipropylene glycol, ~~dipropylenglycol~~ dipropylene glycol monomethylether, ~~dipropylenglycol~~ dipropylene glycol monoethylether.

9. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein the amounts of each of the components A), B) and C) range from 0.01% to 70% by weight, the sum of A) + B) + C) being the 100% by weight of the composition.

10. (Original) Compositions according to claim 9, wherein the percentage by weight of component A) is in the range 20% - 40%, that of component B) in the range 30 - 70% and water in the range 5 - 30%.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing ~~concentrated~~ compositions according to claim 1, comprising ~~the following steps~~:

[[ - ]] 1) solubilization or dispersion with partial solubilization of a ~~(per)fluoropolyether~~ fluoropolyether phosphate component A) in component B) at room temperature under mild stirring;

[[ - ]] 2) addition under stirring ~~, to the previous mixture,~~ of water component C) initially dropwise, so that component A) is not separated from the solvent, dispersing the drop so that the initial appearance of the solution is recovered before adding the subsequent ones, the water aliquots are gradually increased until the addition is completed, obtaining a limpid solution.

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21. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1 wherein alkanol comprises 1 – 4 C atoms or alkyl comprises 1 – 4 C atoms.

22. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 2 wherein  $Z_1 = Z_2 = H$  and  $I = 2$ .

23. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 3 wherein  $\overline{M}_n$  values are in the range of 800 – 2,500.

24. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 8 wherein component B) is selected from ethanol, isopropanol or propylene glycol [[glyol]].

25. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 9 wherein the amounts of the components A), B) and C) range from 20% to 40% by weight.

26. (New) Compositions according to claim 1 wherein L is  $(CHR_1CHR_2O)_n$ , wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are equal to or different from each other and are selected from H and  $CH_3$ ; and n is an integer in the range of 1-50.

27. (New) Compositions according to claim 26, wherein n is an integer in the range of 1-6.